

Nationals to Open Three-Game Series in Cleveland This Afternoon

Griffen In Bad Way For Catchers, Right Now

Henry Only Dependable Receiver with Club—Ainsmith Hobbling Around Capital with Cane—Morgan May Soon Rejoin His Teammates.

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It is probably not known, but nevertheless a fact, that the Washington ball club right now is in a bad way for catchers, and if anything should happen to John Henry Griffen would be up against it for fair.

Eddie Ainsmith is not with the club on its present jaunt through the West. Eddie is hobbling around Washington with a cane, calling regularly every day upon the club physician for treatment.

When Burns smashed into the plate during a recent Detroit game he put Ainsmith hors de combat. The Nationals' catcher being forced to retire with a badly bruised pair of knees. Since then Ainsmith has been under the care of a physician, and it will be one week, or perhaps ten days at the latest, before he is able to again take the field.

In the meanwhile the burden of catching will fall upon the shoulders of John Henry Griffen. Williams held in reserve, Williams is handicapped by a weak throwing arm, and in a close game opposing base runners would run wild with him.

For the good of the cause it is to be hoped that nothing will happen to Old Reliable John Henry, for should he be incapacitated for work the club would indeed be in a bad way.

Ray Morgan has been working out regularly at National Park and it would not be at all surprising if he was ordered to join the team in the West any day, for the Baltimore boy is once more in good physical condition and could well be used.

Clark Griffith will this afternoon help dedicate the Boston National League park, when he throws out the first ball to Manager George Stallings, of the Braves.

Griffen is an old-time pitcher, and Stallings once essayed to be a catcher. The ball Griffith pitches will be counted in this game, and the Old Fox will also get his name placed in the records of the National League.

The Braves' new ball park in Boston is said to be the last word in ball parks, seating easily 40,000 persons, and arranged so nicely that nobody's view is obstructed; with no bleacher seats so far isolated as to

need a spy glass to see what is going on in the diamond.

The Griffen this afternoon open a three-game series against the Cleveland Indians. Joe Roebeling will pitch, and he is likely to be called upon to pitch, and it is probable that Guy Morton will oppose the southpaw.

Here's a puff for Eppa Rixey, former Virginia hurler, at present with the Philadelphia Athletics. The Evening Ledger's baseball writer hands out the following: "Seldom has Eppa Rixey pitched better ball than he did in the first game of the Braves' series yesterday. The Beaneaters were as nearly helpless before his southpaw shoots as it is possible for a pitcher to score. That was in the sixth inning, when Magee was purposely passed, filling the bases, to allow Rixey to get at Schmidt. The wisdom of this move was apparent as Rixey fanned Schmidt, the big first baseman.

Lack of confidence was a serious handicap to Rixey until the present season was well under way, but yesterday he appeared to be absolutely certain of the results throughout. There is no reason why Rixey should not speedily develop into the best left-hander in the game, now that he has gained this confidence. There is not a pitcher in either league with more natural ability, and Rixey adds to this the best control of any southpaw, barring Eddie Plank.

After experimenting with more players so far this season than most managers would try out in a "phony" year, Mack still is far from satisfied with what he retains on his payroll, and in an effort to get more material from which to pick players for a pennant contender in 1916 has taken entire charge of the team and has sent his captain, Harry Davis, on a hunt through the "tail grass."

Tom Seaton is said to be slipping. When Seaton jumped the Phillies, and went with the Federals, he threw down a team that gave him a chance to be a star. The \$5,000 the Federals hung out as bait was more than he could resist. The Federals, however, are soaking the eluding of Seaton all over the lot, and it is said that he may find that his thought at the time he signed it.

Tommy McCarthy, scout for the Red Sox, is a lucky fellow. Tommy's luck lies in the fact that he always has been with a champion. At one time he did scouting for the Braves.

He has a chance of the Red Sox being beaten," says Scout McCarthy. "But that's about all you could call it—just a chance. Personally I think that the Red Sox can certainly beat Detroit and that's the only club they have to fear."

George Mogridge, the pitcher recently secured from the Des Moines team in the Central League, is in this way getting his third major league trial. Mogridge was tried out by the Sox again in 1912 by the White Sox—but he was found wanting, and the Sox sent him back the last time without strings attached.

Mogridge seems to have corrected his greatest fault this year—lack of control—and he's been the sensation of the Western League. He looks good enough now to stand the major league gaff.

DETROIT CAPTURES TWO FROM INDIANS

Cleveland, Aug. 17.—Detroit won its fourth consecutive game in two days here this afternoon by taking both ends of a double header, 10 to 3 and 7 to 2.

The first game was featured by a heavy hitting of the Tigers, Cobb gathering four hits, including two doubles, in addition to stealing three bases. Cleveland used four pitchers.

In the third inning of the second game Crawford hit a long drive from third to home, and Indians could not solve Oldham, who pitched steady ball for eight innings. In the ninth he slowed up and allowed the Indians to score three runs. Score:

First game—

Second game—

Third game—

Fourth game—

Fifth game—

Sixth game—

Seventh game—

Eighth game—

Ninth game—

Tenth game—

Eleventh game—

Twelfth game—

Thirteenth game—

Fourteenth game—

Fifteenth game—

Sixteenth game—

Seventeenth game—

Eighteenth game—

Nineteenth game—

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Twenty-first game—

Twenty-second game—

Twenty-third game—

Twenty-fourth game—

Twenty-fifth game—

Twenty-sixth game—

Twenty-seventh game—

Twenty-eighth game—

Twenty-ninth game—

Thirtieth game—

Thirty-first game—

Thirty-second game—

Thirty-third game—

Thirty-fourth game—

Thirty-fifth game—

Thirty-sixth game—

Thirty-seventh game—

Thirty-eighth game—

Thirty-ninth game—

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